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SECURITY INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: CFD

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Request for Clarification of Policy and Reconsideration  
of Attached Vouchers

1. In accordance with our recent conversation, I am returning the attached vouchers with the following comments which I would appreciate your bringing to the attention of the appropriate officers of CFD with a view to obtaining a clarification of policy on the payment of such claims.

2. The persons entertained were both covert and contract agents in Washington from the field for a brief period for consultation. It has been the general understanding within the FE Division, sustained on numerous occasions by certifying officers of CFD, that the reasonable entertainment of contract agents departing for or returning from overseas was permissible.

3. In two cases the conferences involved Division and Branch Chiefs and/or their deputies. Arranging a time and meeting place for a covert meeting involving several extremely busy officials is most difficult and luncheon is often the only feasible solution. In one of these instances [REDACTED] was used and the conference continued thru lunch. In the other the only time agreeable to all was at luncheon. In both cases official, confidential business was discussed. The third instance was basically entertainment when agent was in town alone over weekend, but it is felt to a legitimate official expense since the establishment of good personal relations with contract personnel in the field is an essential to operations.

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